

LEGISLATIVE HEARING

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FAVOR Senate Bill 392
Thank Tony Guglielmo for introducing bill. (35th Dist.)
Allow election notices jointly published by towns.

EASTFORD	POP	1,800
	BUDGET	4.8M
	TOWN	1.2M
	NO DEBT	

Town Clerk	Notices	Town Clerks	Budget	750\$
		Current		851\$

The current law is an anachronism. In a largely urban state like CT there is simply no logical requirement for print notifications, certainly not by each municipality for state-wide elections. With the average citizen on the internet for approximately three hours daily, owning three or four TV sets, radios, hand held devices with new capabilities, town web-sites, and driving to work past thousands of campaign signs, and incessant mailings, it is hard to imagine an involved citizen, likely to vote, suffering from a lack of information. As in the case of Revaluation, and other regional service initiatives, the notifications for elections might most aptly and efficiently be handled by multi-town agreements through the local RPOs.

Small communities struggle with outdated legislative mandates, which served a useful purpose when enacted, but now place a disproportionate burden on extremely small, tight budgets that lack the mass to absorb the costs.

Thank You,